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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S JULY 18 MEETING WITH PRIMIN
KIM CHONG-PIL

1. SECRETARY HAD ONE HOUR DISCUSSION WITH PRIMIN
KIM. MAIN POINTS OF DISCUSSION WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ROK FOREIGN POLICY INITIAITVE

2. PREMIN KIM EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET
AND PRC SUPPORT OF KIM IL-SONG'S FIVE-POINT PROPOSAL.
HE PARTICULARLY NOTED NORTH KOREAN BROADCAST
REPORTING SUSLOV STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF NORTH
KOREAN POSITION.

3. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT, AS HE HAD TOLD
FONMIN KIM, NEITHER PRC NOR USSR WANTS TO CREATE
REAL TROUBLE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. IN ADDITION,
THEIR PREOCCUPATION WITH EACH OTHER, AND WITH
THEIR NEW RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE U.S., CREATES
ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF STABILITY IN THE SITUATION.

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THE SECRETARY SAID THE USSR ATTITUDE ON THE KOREAN

QUESTION MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY THE ATTITUDE OF OTHER NATIONS AS WE MOVE CLOSER TO THE UNGA. HE ALSO NOTED THAT, IF THE PRC SUPPORTS NORTH KOREA, THE USSR IS UNDER PRESSURE TO DO THE SAME THING. HOWEVER, THIS MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE A FINAL POSITION.

4. PRIME MINISTER KIM SAID THAT THE ROKG IS NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE UNCURK PROBLEM. ITS POLICY ON UNCURK IS FLEXIBLE. HOWEVER, WE MUST STAND FIRM ON THE QUESTION OF UN FORCES. HE HOPED THE UN FORCES ISSUED WOULD NOT GO AS FAR AS SECURITY COUNCIL. HOWEVER, IT IS HIS IMPRESSION THAT WE HAVE VERY LITTLE MARGIN IN THE UNGA AS FAR AS VOTES ARE CONCERNED.

5. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT THE ROKG'S DUAL ADMISSION PROPOSAL WILL ENGENDER A GOOD DEAL OF SUPPORT. SECRETARY SAID HE HAD A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THAT MATTER WITH FONMIN KIM AND WE SEE EYE TO EYE ON OUR APPROACH. HE NOTED THAT WE SHOULD WIN ON THE UNC ISSUE IF IT COMES TO A TEST. HE FURTHER RECOGNIZED THAT HANDLING OF THAT QUESTION AT UNGA WILL REQUIRE VERY CLOSE MUTUAL CONSULTATIONS AS WE MOVE AHEAD.

6. PRIMIN KIM SAID NORTH KOREANS HAVE ALREADY IN THEIR PROPAGANDA QUIT ATTACKING UNCURK SINCE THEY CONSIDER IT ALREADY DEAD. ALL THEIR EMPHASIS IS NOW ON THE PRESENCE OF U.S. FORCES IN KOREA. HE SAID IT IS CLEAR TO HIM THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE ALREADY MADE THAT THE MAJOR ISSUE.

7. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT WE AND THE ROKG AGREE ON HOW TO APPROACH THE UNCURK QUESTION. WE HAVE AGREED TO DELAY THE UNCURK REPORT UNTIL MID-AUGUST SO AS NOT TO GIVE AWAY OUR POSITION PREMATURELY.

B. KOREA-JAPAN RELATIONS

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8. PRIMIN KIM TOLD THE SECRETARY THAT IN KIM'S RECENT MEETING WITH PRIMIN TANAKA HE EMPHASIZED THAT JAPAN SHOULD NOT APPROACH THE KOREAN PROBLEM IN THE SAME WAY IT DID THE CHINESE ISSUE. KIM TOLD TANAKA ANY DECISIONS JAPAN MAKES ON KOREA SHOULD BE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE U.S., NOT DONE ARBITRARILY.

KIM TOLD TANAKA KOREA IS LINKED TO JAPAN'S LIFELINE
AND THAT JAPAN'S DEFENSE TREATY WITH THE US.
RELATES TO KOREA'S SECURITY POSITION JUST AS THE
U.S.-ROK MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY RELATES TO JAPAN.
TANAKA SAID HE WOULD FOLLOW KIM'S ADVICE.

9. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT HIS DISCUSSION WITH
OHIRA SATISFIED HIM THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK
TOGETHER WITH THE JAPANESE ON THE KOREAN ISSUE.
HE SAID THAT DURING TANAKA'S U.S. VISIT THERE
WILL ALSO BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRESIDENT NIXON TO
RAISE THIS MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER TANAKA.

10. KIM SAID THAT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL.
HE ALSO NOTED THAT OHIRA TAKES A MORE "PRACTICAL"
APPROACH THAN TANAKA TO THE KOREAN PROBLEM.
CONSEQUENTLY, KIM HOPED THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD
ALSO DISCUSS KOREA WITH OHIRA. THE SECRETARY
SAID HE WOULD.

C. U.S. ECONOMIC MEASURES

11. PRIMIN KIM EMPHASIZED HIS CONCERN
OVER RECENT U.S. TRADE MEASURES AFFECTING
THE ROK ECONOMY. HE SAID THAT ROK
ECONOMY WAS BEING "SUFFOCATED" BY THESE MEASURES.
WHILE U.S. COULD NOT GIVE THE ROKG OVERTLY
DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT, KIM REQUESTED THAT
U.S. FIND "A LITTLE HOLE" TO ALLOW KOREA SOME
RELIEF.

12. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT SECRETARY DENT WOULD
UNDOUBTEDLY BE DISCUSSING THESE MATTERS WITH THE
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PRIMIN AND OTHERS. HOWEVER, HE EXPLAINED THAT THE
PROBLEMS WE FACE ARE NOT CAUSED BY OUR OWN FAILURES,
BUT BY SHORTAGES IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD. THE
ECONOMIC MEASURES WE HAVE TAKEN ARE
TEMPORARY AND WE WILL GET RID OF THEM AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THEY ARE NECESSARY.
SECRETARY NOTED THAT WE HAVE NEVER FAILED TO
CONSIDER SOUTH KOREA'S INTERESTS
AND WE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH THE ROKG ON ORIS
PROBLEM.
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